

Assertions regarding Mode of Existence¹ of PHENOMENA according to Buddhist Tenet Schools

¹{1A - Truly Existent / 1B - Not Truly Existent. 2A - Ultimately Existent / 2B – Not Ultimately Existent.

3A - Existing by Way of their Own Characteristics / 3B – Not Existing by Way of their Own Characteristics.

4A - Existing Inherently, i.e., Existing from its Own Side / 4B - Not Existing Inherently, i.e., Not Existing from its Own Side /

5A - being Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness/ 5B - Not being Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness }

TWO LOWER TENET SCHOOLS			TWO HIGHER TENET SCHOOLS			ASSERT THAT:
assertion	Vaibashika – Great Exposition	Sautantrika – Sutra School	Chittamatra – Mind Only	Madhyamika – Middle Way		
				Svantantrika-Autonomy	Prasangika-Consequence	
1A	All phenomena	Impermanent (i.e., functioning things)	<i>Other Powered</i> (i.e., Impermanents) & <i>Thoroughly Established</i> (i.e., Emptiness)			“1A/5B” Phenomena
1B		Permanent	<i>All Imputed</i> , (i.e., Permanents other than Emptiness)	All phenomena	All phenomena	Truly Exist
2A	phenomena that, when physically broken up or mentally separated, do not lose their original identity.	Impermanent	<i>Other Powered & Thoroughly Established</i>			Do <u>Not</u> Truly Exist
2B	phenomena that, when physically broken up or mentally separated, lose their original identity.	Permanent	<i>All Imputed</i>	All phenomena	All phenomena	Ultimately Exist
3A	All phenomena	All phenomena	<i>Other Powered & Thoroughly Established</i>	All phenomena		do <u>Not</u> Ultimately Exist
3B			<i>All Imputed</i>		All phenomena	Exist by Way of their Own Characteristics
4A	All phenomena	All phenomena	All phenomena	All phenomena		do <u>Not</u> Exist by Way of their Own Characteristics
4B					All phenomena	do <u>Not</u> Exist Inherently, i.e., Exist from their Own Side
5A		Permanent	<i>All Imputed</i>		All phenomena	do <u>Not</u> Exist Inherently, i.e., do <u>Not</u> Exist from their Own Side`
5B	All phenomena	Impermanent	<i>Other Powered & Thoroughly Established</i>	All phenomena		are Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness
						are <u>Not</u> Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness